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Well folks, You will read between these pages about our escapades in Leeds on the 15th/17th September at Quest Internationals Conference. Steve Rider and I struggled against the odds and arrived at Leeds having let the train take the strain and emptying our pockets of £75 each for a return ticket. Still, we made it and I have done a review of the weekend in this edition, with Steve Rider's review in the next edition. Also, as we now have photographs from the event and I will be updating the web site with Steve Riders photographs which I understand he is very very happy with indeed. Also, they will be made available at the October group meeting.

Here's a thing to think about : ***'What is the definition of MISSING TIME'...*** **Answer : 3 UFOlogists discussing the theory of UFO's...** (At a recent meeting at my house, Bill Smith, Steve Rider and myself were going to have a short chat about the arrangements for Leeds from 7.30 p.m. - 10 p.m Bill looks up and said to Steve Rider 'It's about time we went home'... As the clock struck Midnight.. !!!

This edition also has a letter from Jenny Randles concerning the item that I penned in the last edition about UFO authors and the fact we see little other writings produced by them, only their new books. Jenny puts me right on the few things, and I have placed her reply within the pages of the newsletter as promised.

This edition is full of items written by group members (Thanks to Steve Rider and Ernie Sears for their impeccable contributions and if it wasn't for you two guys, then the pages would be blank !!!!). I am always on the look for new items to include in the newsletter written by our members. So why not send me an article and who knows, you could be come famous !!!!

<u>European FT Initiative.</u>

Calling all UFO Research Groups in both the United Kingdom & on the European Mainland. An attempt to track the black triangular-shaped UFO across Europe during the years 1993 - 1997 is underway. Based upon Project FT's database which contains some 7,000 sighting reports, additional FT reports are required which will be added to the database and which may possibly reveal just where the FT has its entrance / exit windows. All contributors will receive a report of our findings :

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Bishops Waltham housewife reports UFO...

Witness known to Ernie Sears approached him at the end of a social evening asking if there had been any of 'those flying things of yours that week?' Following his disclaimer she told him how that week, on Wednesday morning the 27th September, she was looking out of the window at around 2 a.m. and noticed a brightly lit object in the sky, describing it as like a fairground roundabout. Taking more note, she said it had blue and red lights around the base, not moving, and a whitish light at one side. I asked how long she observed it, she said 'ten minutes' and that it didn't move. She then went to bed ! Until she drew the object, I would have suggested an astronomical solution. However, her drawing shows the popular conception of a UFO i.e. : an Adamski type scoutcraft with dome and lower extended skirting. Pity that people don't stay to watch how the object departs which would help !

A witness reports an unusual collection of FIVE helicopters over the Southampton area.... specifically Southampton Water, 4 a.m. Saturday morning, 30th September. The witness, for certain reasons, will not offer any further information but I have had some corroboration from another witness who was first told the story that he has heard a number of helicopters going over Netley Abbey at around the same time of 4 a.m. on several occasions. Any offers ?

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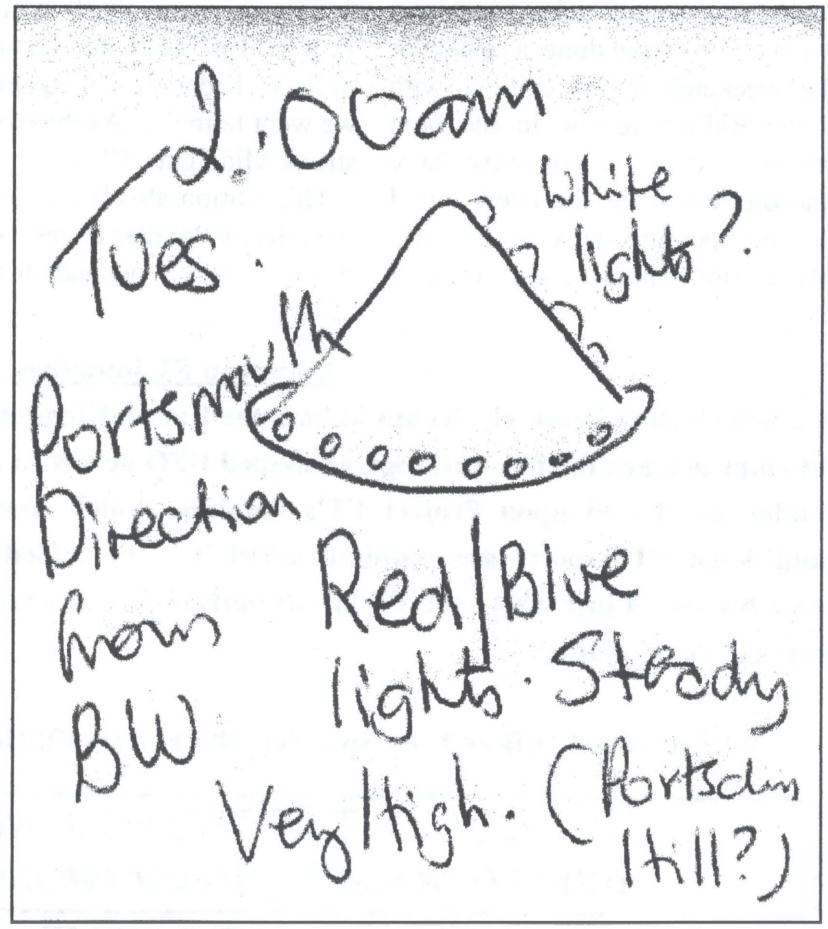

CIRCLE MASTER..
THE DRINK FOR CIRCLE HUNTERS...

Having been a Real Ale drinker for a number of years, I can honestly say, I know my drink... The difference is, drinking watered down ales from certain top brewers to drinking beer ranging from anything from 4.5% Vol. up to 11% Vol plus (anymore than one or two of the latter, and it is a carry home job !!). So, whilst perusing my local supermarket, I came across a new beer to me ...Circle Master (Organic Ale) brewed by Wychwood Brewery, Oxfordshire.

Now, what has this to do with UFO's and Crop Circles.. Well, this is what is printed on the rear of the bottle ... ***Circle Master is the name attributed to the character who skilfully creates circular designs in lucious cornfields. We celebrate this art in this highly acclaimed beer which is brewed using a unique blend of Plumage Archer Barley malt, organically grown for us in a dedicated field under the auspices of the Prince of Wales Duchy in Gloucestershire.... Beware the Circle Master when the corn is high !***

This light golden coloured ale is a delicious drink that slides down and one that I must say I will be buying again. Mind you, will it turn me into a circle creator. Maybe this is what they get HIGH on before they go out into the fields or do they take something else.

You see, I often wonder what if, we called the 'Circle Makers' things in public that, would make them threaten legal action. I mean, if they took us to court, could we argue, that what we said was true and that they are criminals, trespassers etc and named them, then in court, how could they defend themselves. I mean to say, I have it on video when 'The Circle Makers' have appeared on television and openly admitted to causing criminal damage, trespass etc by creating the formations. So, in a court of law, by admitting they have done such acts, then wouldn't they be found guilty. Or, do many of the farmers have too much to lose. Yes, sure the damage causes the farmers to lose £500 per formation, but how much do they get from charging entry fees, publicity from local press etc etc... So, we are letting the alleged 'Circle Makers' get away with criminal offences and yet no one is taking them to court or seem bothered about them flaunting their criminal activities. I mean to say, how would they feel if we went into their homes, smashed them up causing £500 of damage and walking away. I am sure they would open their houses and say 'this was created by someone who unknown to them and it was artistic'. The Old Bill would investigate the case and hopefully charge someone with criminal damage etc. What about the Circle Makers, nothing.... Another example was Doug and Dave in 1992, when, in the national newspapers they admitted 'We are creating crop circles'.. Great, but why weren't they taken to court by the National Farmers Union ? because, many of the farmers belong to the NFA and all those making money from charging entrance fees had (have) a lot of money to lose. Recent circle creators have appeared on the TV and in local / national newspapers giving explanations as to their wanton damage to the fields of merry old England. How many have been prosecuted... NONE to my knowledge.. So, isn't it about time these alleged 'Circle Makers' are prosecuted... I think so, as already in 2000, over 54 formations have already appeared just in Southern England... So, if you were to multiply say just the 54 x £500 = £ 27,000 pounds... A lot of money just for a piece of corn.

Tim Matthews throws the towel in.

Arch UFO debunker and a person who has caused many 'ripples' in the world of UFOlogy over the years, appears to of finally found it is time to go. In an e.mail I received on the 8th October 2000 from Marc Bell of WUFORG, the e.mail ends with **'Anyway, you're a bit late : yesterday's Strange But True Conference' in Cheshire saw my last public involvement in UFOlogy.** Is this last we will hear from Mr. Matthews ? I don't think so ... Watch this space for any further updates on Mr. Matthews statement.

It is sad news that I write the following as I have recently heard about the deaths of 2 UFOlogists. Arthur Tomlinson passed away on the 18th September following a heart attack, and Cynthia Hynde (UFO AFRinews) of South Africa recently lost her fight against cancer. Having never met Arthur, I am not qualified to talk about his UFOlogical past. Cynthia Hinde however, was the editor of what I can only describe as a very well written and produced journal. I was lucky enough to meet her at Sheffield in 1995 and she came over as a warm, friendly and kind person. She wrote some great articles and really brought to the forefront UFO encounters in Africa, where, people didn't have access to the TV, media and UFO magazines etc, yet, they were reporting the same kind encounters that were being reported around the world. How can this be ? They couldn't of been making up the stories, because they mirrored many other reports. So, they add more credence to the whole picture of UFO and alien encounters purely because the witnesses were not influenced by news media's.

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STEVE RIDER'S THOUGHTS ON OUR TRIP TO LEEDS.

LOOK BACK AT THE SUFOG OPEN DAY ON THE 21ST OCTOBER ...

NOTES FROM THE AGM MEETING ON THE 19TH OCTOBER..

SUFOG ON THE TV - 2 OPPORTUNITIES..

UPN Investigations Man Channel 5's SCI-FI Weekend Helpdesk !

On Sunday 27th and Monday 28th August (Bank Holiday weekend), UPN took on their biggest task yet !

After several weeks of negotiating with Maverick TV who were organising Channel 5's Sci-fi weekend and new Sc-fi website, we were finally ready to man the phones for the BIG EVENT !

Susan Turner was running our monitoring centre in Wales and would cover Northern Ireland also. Sharon Larkin from Northwest Cumbria UFO Research and Investigation after very little persuasion agreed to man the phone in the North of England and Scotland. John Hanson (my Director) agreed to man the phones in the Midlands and of course I had my home patch London and Southern areas.

Like I said this took many weeks to organise, lots of calls and e.mails. As Bank Holiday drew near, I began to get a sickly feeling in the pit of my stomach. Had I bitten of more than I could chew ? Would we be able to cope with the thousands of e.mails and calls, which were to come our way ? John quickly reassured me that we would all cope with what would come our way, but I was unconvinced and could be heard moaning constantly "What the hell have I got myself involved in".

Anyway, I got the TV guide for the weekend to check the programmes schedules as I needed to know in advance the type of questions I could be up against. I was mortified to find that the documentaries they were showing had already been screened some months or so earlier on the cable and satellite channels and several children's programmes were also included in the weekend. Hardly Sci-fi I thought but felt that they obviously knew what they were doing. I personally could have recommended a better selection of films they could have shown over the weekend, where they "dug up" the ones they intended showing were beyond me ! But having no say in the matter went with the flow.

Sunday morning 11 a.m. dawned, the time our details went live **we thought on television**. This is what they failed to make clear : our details **did not** go live on TV but they did go live on the Internet. Now tell me someone please, who watches TV while surfing ? And how many homes in the UK did the Government say were online ? Only some 10% at the beginning of the year, so how were people going to contact us if they did not have Internet facilities ?

By the time 11 p.m. Sunday evening had arrived : not one of us had received one call or one e.mail. Never mind we thought someone is bound to call tomorrow ! Monday morning arrived and we all got ready to man our posts. We were not put off by the previous day's failure. I rang everyone on the helpdesk team and wished them "better luck" for our second day manning the phones from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

We again, phones were so quiet that I actually went out for a curry with my family and John Hanson who had been staying at my home for the duration of the weekend. we went to the curry house armed with mobile phones, notebooks and pens and how many phone calls did we get as we tucked into our chicken curries ? Absolutely **ZILCH ! NOT A SAUSAGE !** We returned home around 10 p.m. and logged on to the e.mail again **NOTHING !**

By 11 p.m. after phoning around the country to collect figures for the day and finding that no one had received anything, morale was at an all time low. By now the "so called" Sci-fi film had finished and the helpdesk had closed when all of a sudden my mobile phone started going crazy ! (It notifies me of incoming e.mails). WE HAD MAIL !

Again logging onto UPN's e.mail expecting to see nothing but advertisements for credit cards and loans, we found we had 4 e.mails waiting which had been re-directed by Channel 5. We had a result, be it a small one. Today I have received 2 more and hopefully now people have had time to chew over what Channel 5 were trying to organise for the Bank Holiday weekend, we may end up with more correspondence.

Today (29/8/00) as I sent a letter to Channel 5 with the feedback they required, I was able to have my say ! You must make helpdesk details available to members of the public who do not have Internet connections. If this means providing a freephone number (they reckon they had run out of money for this) then if they wanted results it was this they had to do. The 7 e.mails we have fell far

short from what was expected.

Did we enjoy the challenge ? You bet ! Would we do it again ? Yes, yes, yes, but the TV company does need to organise itself better in the future.

Watch this space we will keep you up dated on the number of calls and e.mails we receive now that the weekend is over.

Reported by Elaine Waite. UPN Investigations (London)

Many thanks to Susan Turner, Ross Grisbrook, Sharon Larkin, John Hanson and Dawn Holloway for giving up their Bank Holiday weekends to help me.

Letter from a member..
Robert Fisher...
C.C.C.S Conference 12th August 2000.

On the 12th August I went to the C.C.C.S conference at Andover. Whilst there Colin Andrews did a talk about the Earth's magnetic field, that was responsible for the creation of simple crop circles and 80% of all crop circles can be attributed to the circle makers. He said the earth's magnetic field can generate electricity powerful enough to knock down patches of crops (Didn't Dr. Terence Meaden say the same thing in the 1980's with his plasma vortex theories !!!! .. Steve Gerrard), but not so powerful as to create intricate designs. I could not believe what I was hearing when he said 80% of the intricate designs were manmade.

I have been researching crop circles since they appeared at the Westbury White Horse in the 1980's when Colin Andrews said 80 per cent were man made. Flashes went through my mind of all the intricate designs I have visited in the 1980's and 1990's and thought to myself they can't all be manmade. One of the first intricate designs I visited was at Upton Scudamore, Warminster found in barley 21st July 1991. It had a very feminine quality. Also, nearby a scroll formed the same day. It was a true trident associated with devil initiation. In the same year I interviewed some local girls from the Bristol area who I met in the large dumb-bell formation which appeared on Dundry Hill. They said they were putting their horses in the stable at 10.30 p.m. and one girl said she saw flashes above the heads of the corn and in the morning the formation was formed. Also how was the Ickleton Mandelbrot on 12th August 1991 made and Barbury Castle, Stonehenge, 30th July 1996 formed in daylight on a Sunday afternoon and no one saw anything. I don't think all these were manmade. While at the Andover conference at question time, Steve Alexander who was sat behind me said to Colin Andrews about the white balls of light which have been filmed in crop circles over the years, but Colin Andrews said these were energy we do not understand yet. In the 1980's Colin Andrews was saying the crop circles were made by (unknown) forces from outside the earth changing the earth's magnetic field. Colin talked for about an hour then walked out with some other people to fly to Germany for another TV interview.

SUFOG group member Robert Fisher...

SUFOG DIARY - 2000..

Thursday Group Meetings :
7.30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

16th November.
16th December.

Sky Watch.

11th November.

Christmas Party :

16th December.

Ticket only event to cover food etc as we will be meeting at first at the normal venue and then moving on . Please contact the Editor before the above dates to confirm that the Sky Watch / Meeting are still going ahead. This is because Sky Watch's are likely to be cancelled / changed due to weather conditions, and other commitments that the editor is not aware of at the time of publication of the newsletter..

NEWSPAPER REVIEWS BY ERNIE SEARS ESQ.

Due to my having a complete rehash of the filing system... the website stuff not having caught up with me yet... it's a struggle to get the cuttings all into shape and order but here goes :

THE DAILY ECHO of the 17th August.. which I don't think I covered last issue... my SUFOG mag lent out !... had Colin Andrews, the 'guru' of crop circles , as it calls him, confronting his critics at an Andover meeting. The audience numbered some 200 and many were hostile to Colin's latest theory but ignored, he felt, his end piece that said 20% of formations were genuine.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH also of the 17th August invited readers who were poetically inclined to submit entries for the Bacup International UFO Poetry Festival. The categories to include : Alien Close Encounters and... wait for it !... Limericks about Little Green Men ! Well, it isn't April 1st so try, not too late..
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and keep it clean !

THE DAILY MAIL of September 1st carried a really superb full colour double pager of the 'Top of the Crops' (they would !) formations of crop circles for this year, Photos by Lucy Pringle.. James Chapman, the papers science editor, reviews them, I have a couple or more originals of this edition if anyone would like the colour version as opposed to photocopies. I think I bought some dozen Daily Mail's that day !

THE DAILY MAIL followed that up two days later in their Sunday issue with another two pager headlined 'We Are The Aliens' ! Peter Hilimore told us how a team of hoaxers... paid for by the Mail do doubt which is pretty normal.. team leader John Lundberg talks on their creation at an obscure hostelry called the 'Who'd Thought It At Lockeridge'. The team claim to use surveyors tape and a 4ft piece of plank to create the most complicated designs which originate on their computer of course. Illustrated is the 280 ft swirling design they did at Avebury, Truslove in July which was hailed by those they duped as the most sensational formation ever. The article skips over that very complicated formation next to Stonehenge which pilots who flew over it coincidentally said it took 15 minutes to appear from nowhere with no sign of any human activity. Neither was there any mention... did anyone ask ?.. about the molecular changes in the actual wheat etc compared scientifically inside and outside the formation.

THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH 3rd September, ran their regular item culled from Fortean Times, this time it was PHANTOMS and Fortean Editor Paul Sieveking explained, courtesy of various "experts", that ghostly hums and even visitations were caused by subtle resonance's from "infrasound" from the periphery of your vision ! Paul hastens to explain that this in no way explains the bulk of sightings of spooks etc, and gives several examples of apparently genuine ghosts. Thank Goodness ! Those "experts".. I call 'em sceptics with closed minds... could have worried SUFOG members who've had such spooky experiences in the Royal Victoria Park at Netley this year.

THE DAILY MAIL carried on the controversy... good for sales no doubt... with several letters on the 10th September. Our mutual friend Roy Dutton from Torquay called the hoaxers 'midnight cowboys and over grown schoolboy vandals'.. nice one, Roy. While Lucy Pringle weighed in with those changes mentioned above which never appear in man-made formations.. and if anyone knows, Lucy does. While David Woolgar of West Sussex asks why hoaxers never make mistakes... they DO in fact.. or why are they never prosecuted.. they ARE, although rarely... and as Hampshire Chief Constable told me it's because no farmer presses charges ! WHY ? is the 64 thousand dollar question of course.

THE DAILY MAIL of the 11th September had Michael Joyce of Birmingham pointing out the joints, or axils, of genuine stems, are inexplicably melted before it falls into its

pattern and then hardens.. by whom or what, asks Michael who is a well known whiz on sacred geometry and mathematics which is way above my head ! He writes frequently in the Witness Support Group Rapport magazine I not from my issues.

COMMENT is the only clue I have for the magazine article that our group member SABENA ROBERTS kindly gave me some time in September so I don't really know much, but the three page article by Jeremy Farqueson does the crop formation enigma justice, fairly. A very interesting claim he gave was that birds descend on hoax formations as the seeds are knocked out of the stems by heavy boots and planks ! While genuine patterns are avoided by flocks of birds who tend to avoid the formations. Simple, isn't it ? nature creates, nature solves ! Thank you, Sabena... I am very aware that you joined SUFOG for reasons beyond most of us but not all ! It's probably the right time to say thanks top her too for vetting my manuscript which is under going another re-write.. the LAST I trust !

THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH carried an odd and very small piece early in September... educated guess !... on a coastguard search being launched after red lights on an aircraft taking off from Dublin airport were mistaken for distress flares in Holyhead, North Wales. n unusually dark night and clear sky made the lights visible for **SIXTY MILES.** Now, for some reason that bothers me ! I have a feeling there was pretty big moon that week... oh, yes, 3rd September I can see now... if not, well, I mean, how many RED LIGHTS does an aircraft carry and can you IMAGINE they can be seen from SIXTY MILES away. Bit like seeing it at Heathrow from where I live in Southampton area ! HMM !

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH for an estimated date towards September's end carried a rather strange (I thought) FREEPOST form they wanted filled in and copied and distributed concerning that "earthquake" at Warwick at 05.23 on the 23rd September, 14 questions, and to be posted to the British Geological Survey, Global Seismology Research Group, Freepost, Edinburgh, WH9 0LX.

THE LONDON EVENING STANDARD... a copy drooped into my letterbox courtesy of Elaine Waite whose acquaintance I made at The Barge during our weekend skywatch in June and we have somehow... initially by an article she wrote in SUFOG concerning my Millennium questions... Elaine shares much with me even if she lives in London ! The paper runs a story on that earthquake in some detail. Think about it, will you ? Any ideas ? Just ONE odd thing about all that... coincidences loom large in UFOlogy and the paranormal... I live at flat 23, Elaine lives at number 23, this earthquake happened on the 23rd September at 05.**23** and the item she sent me is dated Associated Newspapers 23rd September. I am too thick to understand 'sacred numbers' etc but someone out there might !

Ok... there's one more item... tiny but funny.. dated 17th September in the **SUNDAY MAIL**.. I'm not yet proficient at cut and paste so here 'tis on the very end :

'I promise to believe in "genuine" crop circles when one appears in a cornfield which does not have tractor tracks to provide access', Letter by A.J.Saunders of Bridport, Dorset.

Well ? Has he got a point... I pored through all my crop circle books etc... or is my gut feeling that genuine circle makers don't give a you know what for tramlines otherwise they'd never do any so here we are, lads, plonk it down, and sod the clever clogs and sceptics !

ALONG WITH THE NEXT EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER I WILL BE PRINTING A LISTING OF ITEMS I HAVE FOR SALE AS I HAVE RECENTLY GONE THROUGH MY COLLECTION AND WEEDED OUT A LOT OF MATERIAL. THIS INCLUDES :
BOOKS
MAGAZINES
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VIDEO'S
AND MORE.....
(SUFOG ED ... STEVE GERRARD)

MAGAZINE REVIEWS BY ERNIE SEARS.

In no particular order herewith the collection of UFO magazines from our Editor, to do my worst with :

UFO MAGAZINE is usually the first anyway with it's really glossy and colourful front cover.. the September / October issue featuring some sinister looking greys caught in the act of departure ! Disappointing to note for that promised Bilderberg Group article... I have a special interest in them !... but otherwise the mag. is well up to standard. Electrogravities and the source thereby... and why not, with the recent fuel prices and connected blockades ? May just be the bigger companies making hay before other products hit the fan and therefore our wonderful Government creaming off as ever. That Mojave Desert UFO again featured... complete silence from the big boys... again ! Dr. Colin Ridyards challenging questions to the MoD and the ongoing situation involving the Ombudsman's intervention... should be more of such. UFO videos over Cheshire. Could I ask Graham Birdsall what happened to our Hampshire dittos... four occasions.. details sent to him from Southampton UFO Group ? FOUR ! The most significant totally denied by a number of authorities. The 1954 sightings by pilots sent over Washington DC... sometimes surrounded by strange lit objects... a panic stricken official answer of 'temperature inversion' when there wasn't one ! What Matt Brazel really saw at Roswell. Crop Circles left in disarray by claims and counter claims.. as usual the "experts" leave out the difficult bits that don't fit. Mystery "fleets" seen again. Those disturbing "chemtrails" that leave physical problems to people. Scottish UFO filmed. Puerto Rico aliens and UFO's. New Oxford University UFO group. etc etc etc... a good buy as usual : from your local newsagents at £2.50 or by subscription, bi-monthly, from Quest Publications International Ltd, Lloyds Bank Chambers, West Street, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, LS29 9DW, £13.50 annually.

SYNCHRONICITY issue 6, August 2000, from the APRA organisation, Oxfordshire, descriptive cover of it's main interests. The CCCS 10th Anniversary covered the crop circle scene very adequately by Brian James. Interesting aspects of the "mind" interacting with so-called "free energy", or quantum forces etc, those BOL, (balls of light) and their connections with crop circles, human psychological factors, etc ! Colin Andrews on his latest theories, notably his needed suggestion all of us bury our egos and share attempts to solve the total enigma. Watch my lips ! In depth (whoops !) item on that Silbury Hill hole. Wiltshire mysteries via James Hill. Photos of those "rods" etc that seem to "live" in our atmosphere. The Avebury Skywatch report shared by SUFOG, APRA and indeed, BUFORA on the 24th June and its amazing sighting.... almost a repeat of the 1999 ditto. A Rendlesham Forest set of encounters coincidentally on the same weekend as the Avebury skywatch from Jac Solomon of the Norwich UFO Society... certainly weird ! Noted a video of Roy Dutton, a totally clever old mate of mine.. his mathematics leave me well behind but his determination over many years shows... costs, in three parts... various amounts, cheaper for the three, try Roy at Po Box 3, Torquay, TQ2 8YT. Chemtrails and that 1967 Bicester "crash" fill the rest of this excellent journal, obtainable from APRA, C/O PO Box 135, Didcot, OX11 9YA. Formerly free or on a swap basis, it's success now requires subs of a reasonable £4.40 annually for three issues. Exchanges stay as before.

OVNI, Omar Fowler's always interesting magazine, continues on after Omar changed his mind (so far !) on a website production... the September / October issue of his journal of the Phenomenon Research Association editorial page features the "near miss" (2.4 million miles !) of that asteroid, the "warnings" over time of those "visitors" of a calamity of some kind, and, thoughtfully, Omars closing query of our understanding of "reality", should we rethink it ? I somehow think, knowing Omar for many years, his question is rhetorical, he KNOWS the answer ! Illustrated article on some mysterious craft flying over Bradford earlier this summer.. mainly lights in triangular formation, followed by exploratory helicopters next

day. Witness Russell Kellett filmed the lights, and "balls" too that flew over the area for 'several months'. More video's of orange / yellow over a Leeds gala. A flying triangle reported over Swadlincote, Derbyshire, 23rd August... unusually, for an FT, flying at a speed of 800 mph.. estimated. No normal navigation lights, just one white, midsection. Other articles, 1944 reports from the USA and various battlefields around the world. One from the Pacific calibrated a suspected "single aircraft" on radar, twice, flying at 700 mph.. unheard of then... in 1945 Japanese admirals being debriefed knew nothing of such a craft. The Cannock Chase alleged UFO "crash" with "aliens" on board (1964) raises it's head again. A seemingly honest witness to the craft and "NATO Forces" there has been uncovered. situation normal ! A 1989 incident involving a USA nuclear submarine and a 'huge' inverted 'V' shaped UFO that sent the equipment on the vessel dangerously crazy, which was on duty in connection with the Cape Canaveral shuttle launches. Entire crew debriefed and then each posted to "new assignments". World sighting reports, etc make up this excellently interesting issue of OVNI. From 94 The Circle, Sinfin, Derby, DE24 9H, £1 bi-monthly.

THE AUSTRALIAN UFO BULLETIN... another pocket sized gem, dated June 2000, detailing the ongoing UFO situation down under... although an ex pilot friend of mine from Queensland alleges he 'knows nothing' from any media about it all and on his rare visits here looks mind boggled but always asks ! Paul Norman takes readers through a detailed analysis of WHY UFOs DO EXIST on his UFO trail, and praises Richard Hall's latest UFO EVIDENCE publication latest UFO EVIDENCE publication. Puerto Rico's radio Astronomy Observatory... operated by the USA.. is alleged to be observed, in their turn, by both UFO and Aliens, says an article by Jorge Nartin, well known to FSR and the Puerto Rico based OVNI journal. A not unusual craft 'as big as a basket ball park, and sporting blue and yellow lights revolving reported near the Observatory, Frederick Valentich.. new evidence and a new conclusion in another article. Article by Jon Wyatt on the Australian 1909 "airship flap" which appears to make this more world-wide than most accounts. Sighting reports from yesteryear... 'extraordinary sightings from very credible observers'.. circa 1952... 1957... 1965... etc... dunno why people look at modern stuff with disbelief when the early years produced instances one could have no doubt about... which is why we old 'uns stick to our guns ! Lots more ! Right up to this current year ! Try the Victorian UFO Research Society, Po Box 1043, Moorabbin, Victoria, 3189, Australia. Full membership from $20. Other choices open at lower rates.

Add the Australian UFO Bulletin for September to the foregoing... Editorial relates how Judith Mcgee became President of the Victorian UFO Research Society and on the editorial side too. Nice to see an item on SUFOG reaching down under shores too. More on that Valentich disappearance, press items, Filers Files, The Early Years, etc.

FASTER THAN LIGHT ... produced and edited by one Chris Evers... impressive cover in colour... Dr. Leir on those implant removals, questionable alien photo, Grimsby Abduction Scenario, McMinville photos resurrected after 50 years, ghost stories, etc, etc. NEW LOOK Faster Than Light mag also to hand... more pocket sized, same good cover style.. although the cover says issue 22 the editorial differs at 23 ! News of orange lights from Australia. Unusual UFO seen over Ohio. UFO formation reported from Brazil, Geoff Richardson on Conspiracy... Theory or Reality ? Much more ! Magazine available from : Chesnut House, (yeah, that's how it's spelt !) 24 Chesnut Avenue, Queens Road, Hull (And no Post Code !) but £12 including postage, bi-monthly, from that address only mid-October.

INUFOR DIGEST .. It says April 2000 so be it ! Another Australian magazine published by the Independent Network of UFO Researchers quarterly... this one, plainly printed and thick makes no bones about it's remit and to formally prosecute copyright offenders ! Gawd ! Better tread carefully ! Ah, I remember, It's Editor is Moira McGhee, who tells us that she admires the standards of investigation being undertaken by groups in Britain. Ta ! Nine pages devoted to the intriguing discovery of a skeleton sixty or seventy years ago, originally dug up by a young girl, kept by her and passed on through various hands after her death. Information gathered along the years reveals that the skeleton bears many similarities to what we

call a "grey alien", basically due to the skull configuration. A truly gripping narrative, the "Starchild" enigma is still ongoing via the website. Another 15 pages covers a two-part article condensed into one. "Passive Detection of Aerial Phenomena" by a William Bimson is highly detailed, somewhat over my head mathematically, think our own Roy Dutton might be interested since he plots arrival and departure points for UFOs very accurately. Mysteries of Mars follows, and more mysteries, in The Blue Mountains in and around the Jamieson Valley west of Sydney, where a skywatch reported many "flashes" and an eventual unidentified object, silent and spinning rapidly, described as a "glowing sphere", which appeared from a cloud and vanished into... where ? The magazines closing article covers more of those flashes and spheres etc, well known author and investigator Rex Gilroy also discloses interest shown by the CIA and other security groups and Governments. Intriguing, eh ? INUFOR DIGEST 'welcomes all readers and information' and respects anonymity where requested. Try Po Box 783, Kogarah, New South Wales 2217, Australia. A forty page publication well worth collecting.

THE SPIRAL... not surprisingly, a crop circle pocket mag... is a monthly publication by the Wiltshire Crop Circle Study Group and is beautifully printed. Covers forthcoming events now gone, many illustrations of formations seen this year and their suggested connections with Indian, red Indian, and Celtic folk history. The ongoing enigma of that Silbury Hill "hole" gives food for thought on it's detail and that UFO phenomena. The letter pages are worth the subs of £12.50 for eleven issues alone ! All the rest is a bonus ! Try Dr. Dereka Dobson, Po Box 2079, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 1US.

SKYWATCHERS is the summer issue of CUFORG... The Cornwall UFO Research Group... splendidly printed production, contents include the obligatory "alien" cartoon, Sue Herbert's Sky at Night piece with attention to the suns magnetic storms, influence on earth etc. solar winds. CSETI.. the Centre for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence is a collection of world items on the UFO enigma... nothing much new there but LOVED the paragraph on the USA Secretary of State of Missouri urging Congress to convene hearings on : 'The Federal Government's handling of the UFO issue has contributed towards the public cynicism toward, and general mistrust's of Government'. Think I'll send that to Tony Blair ! CUFORG presents its 4th UFO Conference on Saturday 14th October, Truro college... speakers include Chris Martin who fascinated the Leeds Conference audience. Tickets : Phone 01872 276381. Local, UK and world-wide sightings. 24 Carrine Road, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3XB. for subs, £12.00 for 4 issues.

E.mail from Brian James
(Research Director APRA)
30th September 2000
Subject : Strange lights in the sky again :

We finally had a good clear sky last night in Southern Britain, so I went out just after 2100UT, in the hope that the geomagnetic storm from the latest Solar CME would still be producing aurora at these latitudes. There were some pale blue scintillation's around the northern horizon towards midnight, but nothing spectacular when compared to April 6.

However, between 2140UT and 2155UT, there were 5 of the by now common 'skyflashes' lighting up around 25% of the sky up from roughly the Eastern horizon, although they covered the horizon between the NE to SE cardinal points. After the third flash, at about 2146, a couple seconds later I heard a somewhat distant *sonic boom*, which seemed to originate from my SW. I was looking very hard for any FT's or other black objects that seem to be associated with these flashes : or were the Americans winding up HAARP to coincide with the other geomagnetic disturbances ? Either way, be prepared for possible UFO reports...

regards...

Brian P James...
Research Director, APRA.

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Letter from Brian Allan (SPI BUFORA) regarding the previous article in issue of SUFOG entitled-: A Strange Night !!! The Mystery Continues...

Dear SUFOG

I read the report entitled *'A Strange Night !!! The Mystery Continues...'* in the latest edition of your bulletin with great interest. In this reply, it is not my intention to either patronise or teach you how to suck eggs. My only interest is to present a balanced, alternative perspective on what may have occurred. Since my knowledge of your group is minimal and gleaned through the magazine exchange, I must perforce make certain assumptions, viz. I assume that you use measuring equipment, e.g. a magnetometer during your evaluations, because the phenomena you describe are particularly amenable to evaluation using such a device. I particularly noted your comments, quote, *'a feeling that is hard to describe, but it develops in the pit of your stomach when you are around psychic energies'*. I would suggest that the physiological symptoms you describe are attributed to causes other than *'psychic energies'*, anticipation and anxiety will produce this psychosomatic reaction.

Through my own encounters in SPI I have been in similar circumstances many times and am well aware of the sensation, but due to my own researches I am certain that the whole concept of what constitutes *'psychic energy'* and the *'supernatural'* will shortly undergo a complete re-evaluation and re-interpretation. I am now convinced that the vast majority, if not all, so-called psychic phenomena are attributable to one basic, provable and repeatable constant : *the propagation of electromagnetic radiation and its effects on human physiology.*

I am well aware that this will not sit well with many people who would much rather that 'ghostly entities' exist in their own right in some shadowy, mysterious otherworld : in effect a separate reality, and will not accept another explanation.. not so ! In general terms, try reading two excellent books, one written by Smith and Best, *'Electromagnetic Man'* as this publication sets out the case demonstrating how EM fields interact with the neurology and physiology of human beings. The other publication is *'The Handbook of Magnetic Phenomena'* by Harry Burke and published by Van Nosrand Reinhold Company NY. This demonstrates what happens when magnetic fields react with light, chemicals, and heat. Magnetic fields will, among other things, actually reverse sound curves, creating really weird effects.

It would be interesting to discover whether the Abbey you mention is close to one of the following : running water, electricity pylons, a cellphone mast, also, what is the composition of the local geology ? Are micro-tremors ever reported ? Of what kind of stone is the chapel constructed ? Has there ever been a fire in the chapel ? Has the chapel ever been struck by lightening or subjected to lightening 'splash' ? *(as you are probably aware, heating stone, particularly quartz-dolerite will render it magnetic, the same principle is used to make permanent magnets, i.e. when metal is heated then cooled, the atomic structure become polarised creating the magnet)* Have you or any of your colleagues ever been in the proximity of a lightening strike or 'splash' or received a strong electric shock ? have you or your colleagues ever lived in the proximity of electricity pylons or a substation or a cellphone / microwave tower. If there is a positive answer to any of these questions, then it is possible that you or the area surrounding the chapel is being subjected to EM radiation. If you are, for example, suffering from *Electrical Hypersensitivity,* then a whole range of highly unusual effects can be produced, including but not confined to visual and auditory hallucinations.

If you doubt this, then allow me to suggest that you take a look at the work of Canadian researcher John Hutchison, discoverer of the *'Hutchison Effect'* which created the so-called *'Poltergeist Machine'* and involves the involuntary movement of objects both ferrous and non-ferrous, metallic and non-metallic, object literally tearing themselves apart and spontaneous small fires. Hutchison asked for his discovery to be evaluated by both the US Military and the Canadian Government, this was done, but neither group would give Hutchison a copy of the report, the excuse... *'It is not in the interests of National Security'*, I wonder why. As a result of this, in an attempt to obtain a copy of the report under the US FOIA, I have been in

lengthy correspondence with both the US Army Intelligence Service at Ft. George G. Meade in Maryland (also the home of the NSA), The Space and Missile Defence Command and the Los Alamos National Laboratory (who carried out the evaluation in Hutchison's lab for the US Army). You are welcome to view the correspondence because it is most revealing, particularly some of the comments made [unwittingly] by Los Alamos National Labs. There is no doubt whatsoever in my mind that all activity formerly attributed to the supernatural is ultimately explainable in scientific terms, particularly poltergeist activity, allow me to illustrate :

While re-investigating the famous 1960/61 case of the Sauchie Poltergeist, I was able to interview one of the doctors who attended the family during the day this time, as you will see, his comments were highly revealing. He stated quite unequivocally that the noises (knocking, sawing and banging) that he heard when attending the 11-year-old girl (who was the focus of the events), were *"different"* and *"quite distinct with an odd quality"*. He only heard sounds like this again quite recently *when having an MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) scan.* He told me that the quality of the sounds from the scanner were identical to the sounds heard during the poltergeist episodes. I recently had such a scan myself and asked the operator if patients ever reported anything 'unusual', according to the operator, *"Some patients, not many, just a few, experience a 'tugging' sensation around the eyes and other parts of the body, as if the skin was being gently pinched and tugged"*. It is comments such as these that give credence to the presence of measurable EM fields during 'haunting' episodes. This of course leads to three points, either 'ghosts' are electromagnetic in nature, or electromagnetism reacts with certain people to produce certain effects, or EM fields 'recorded' in rocks and stones can be replayed to a suitable receiver. It is likely that you and some of your colleagues have been unwittingly irradiated by continual exposure to EM 'hotspots' in and around allegedly 'haunted' locations, which is causing heightened awareness. I think you will find that a magnetometer will reveal EM fields in these areas whether they are caused by artificial means. Apparitions seen in pre-electrical times are due to natural geo-magnetic fields and fields caused by lightning strikes and tectonic action. It is also quite possible that you were subjected to a form of 'playback' from images recorded into the stones created by traumas experienced by the long dead soldiers. Since the brain is a bioelectrical device, it is quite within the realms of possibility that such an interaction between the brain and a sequential magnetic field can take place. The encounter describing *'bright flashes of light'* at the old jetty could well be a form of electrical discharge. Of course, and with great respect, one of the most obvious alternative explanations has to be *imagination, and mis-interpretation of other events,* many of the sensations you describe are totally subjective and if not corroborated by measurements or other means must be open to questions. I am not saying this is the case, but it cannot be ruled out.

Lastly, and in conclusion, I have attempted to express a brief alternative to the 'traditional' explanation for supernatural occurrences ; I do not believe the answer is due to 'Spirit Phenomena' (whatever that is). If that were the case then, especially in the case of poltergeist activity, the 'entity' would require having mass, purpose and some form of rudimentary intelligence. To move objects requires energy and mass, at one point I thought that the energy came from the 'cold spots' as a form of the conservation of energy, thermal energy to kinetic energy, good, solid, rational physics. I also thought that the catalyst was the human brain unconsciously providing interaction direction and control, but now, after considerable thought based on personal experience I am sure the phenomenon is electromagnetic in nature. I hope these comments and observations will spark some debate on the subject, as I said at the outset many people would not like this explanation, all I can say to them is show me an alternative that is both provable and repeatable, I do not believe that you can.

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Jenny Randle's e.mail in response to the item in SUFOG 117/118.

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(Steve Gerrard eats humble pie !!!)

I am in receipt of your current magazine - most interesting as always.

Your views on my books are fair enough. But I do always try to produce at least one original book every 18 months or so, alongside the coffee table type that publishers are always demanding and which seem to be the only ones you cite. So - for instance - recent books like 'Star-Children', 'MIB', 'Something in the Air' and 'UFO Crash Landing' clearly do contain a lot of new material and are not rehashes (although the later in the sense of a good deal of new interview material on an old case).

Whilst you no doubt see the coffee table type books that I also write (because publishers hype these and generally not the other ones - part of the problem) I think even four books such as the ones referenced - above published within 6 years isn't exactly a terrible track record, surely ?

You are entitled to to your opinion, of course, but this is simply not the truth and I am surprised you could even say this given the contrary evidence.

Yes, I write books. But this began long after I was involved in UFOlogy and so was never why I got involved. And I think my track record in terms of active investigation across 25 years is not exactly negligible. Nor is my contribution to the group scene - on which I cut my teeth (MUFORA, Manchester, from 1972 onwards, BUFORA from 1969 - a decade before I wrote a book).

As Director of Investigations with BUFORA for 13 years case investigation was basically what I did on a day to day basis rain and shine.

Moreover, I published countless things through BUFORA in those years that were free and original and I never received any money for. This included detailed case histories on the ATV film and the Peter Day case. Several case digests called 'UFO World'. The crop circle material with Paul Fuller (Mystery of the Circles and Controversy of the Circles). A field investigation manual. A seven part postal training course (which I insisted be made freely available to all in UFOlogy who wanted to use it - be they inside or outside of BUFORA.

Virtually every issue of BUFORA magazine during the 20 year or so I worked for the group contained articles and case reports from me. Indeed I still write and record UFO Call on the BT phone network for BUFORA every single week as I have for approaching 600 editions since 1989 ! I don't get paid a penny (not even expenses) for this update and information service to UFOlogists that certainly is available to everyone without the internet. Every penny that service makes goes straight back into UFOlogy via BUFORA and has earned the group - I understand - many, many thousands of pounds.

But this isn't all. I have published widely in journals such as 'UFO Brigantia, 'Crop Watcher' and 'New UFOlogist' during the 80s and 90s. None of these were paid contributions.

And this is not to mention 'Northern UFO News' - a magazine I write entirely by myself and bring out around 3 editions per year. I personally subsidise it so that loyal subscribers (of which there are many) get to see my current thoughts and work without forking out £20 for a book. I've been producing this constantly since 1974, for goodness sake ! This always publishes any reports of my own investigations first. I never hold them back for books. Over the years it has carried the first accounts of, for example, the Rendlesham case (1982) (two years before Sky Crash), the Ilkley Entity case and many others. There are several of my investigations in every issue (including the two so far this year). Not to mention that this magazine passes on to these readers cost price copies of my books as soon as I am able to do so - selling them at no profit to myself for around one third the shop price, often within a couple of years of their release. Hardly a money grabbing exercise !

And there's more. I regularly write articles for 'International UFO Reporter' (two or three in the past couple of years featuring my own research). And in the past twelve months alone other articles of mine have appeared in the X-Factor, Magonia, Fortean Times and Anomalist to my recall off the top of my head. Of all this material only the articles in the X-Factor paid me a penny.

Not to mention the lectures - which I always give for NOTHING - unlike some UFOlogists

who charge hefty fees to talk to UFO groups. In the past year I have lectured at several conferences for UFO groups (mostly in the North as I cannot afford to travel far for several reasons) and I gave a series of half a dozen free lectures to the Derbyshire Education authority for their Millennium Project.

I really don't think it is at all fair to describe this level of output as 'very rarely' being seen outside of my books and would certainly be interested in why you think it does.

I'm not wishing to fall out with you over this, but I am sincerely puzzled by what you have alleged in your magazine as it seems drastically at odds with the facts.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles.

(I have replied to Jenny on the above and put her in the 'picture', as quite rightly I do not want to fall out with her either. Steve Gerrard (SUFOG editor)...).

BOOK REVIEW...
Intruders In The Night
By
Christopher Martin..

This book details two people's contact and interaction with extraterrestrial entities. The book is written by Christopher Martin, one of the people at the centre of this amazing story, and it details events that many find hard to accept.

It would be impossible to detail all the startling disclosures made in this book. However, it is worth summarising many of the main points of this incredible story.

Introduced through as mutual friend, Christopher and Vicki's experiences together began through regression sessions, after Vicki explained how she was able to enter a self-hypnotic sate almost at will. In these early sessions they made contact with a young woman who was Vicki in a previous life. These sessions would prove to be quite emotional as Christopher became attached to this new personality. He even looked forward to the times they would meet, as they periodically made contact with her throughout her life.

The regression sessions would be an introduction to more strange events that were to follow in the months ahead. One night Christopher and Vicki were watching a video at home. This video was 'Fire in the Sky', the story of the abduction of American Travis Walton. It was after watching this film that Vicki was to relate to Christopher her own story of abduction and extraterrestrial contact.

From then on things changed, as Vicki began to channel information from the 'Visitors', as they had become known. This information would be channelled by the visitors through Vicki as she sat as a computer, something that led to a channelled newsletter being formed. Christopher was also able to interact during these sessions and have conversations with the visitors.

Vicki was able to see the visitors, who were like the typical grey type entities described by many, while to Christopher they were invisible. This led to many events that would normally be associated with poltergeists or spirits, actually being caused by the visitors. This would include moving things and hiding things, sometimes at the request of Vicki or Christopher.

Among the amazing discoveries made by the pair during their contact with the visitors was that their race was able to travel through time and other dimensions. The visitors also explained that their race was now separated into three types. These types were on different evolutionary scales, due to their travelling and existing in other dimensions, but all three types of visitors had common ancestors and a common home in the Zeta Reticuli star system. Christopher and Vicki also discovered that they had both been contacted by the visitors from an early age. However, where as Vicki had continued to be contacted, Christopher's contact had been terminated due to his reaction to his encounters.

After many months of contact with the visitors and braving some cold nights out in London, Christopher and Vicki were able to observe and video tape the visitor's craft. However, time was not on their side.

Vicki was to discover that she had been contacted by not just one type of visitor. Another of the visitor's evolutionary entities had also contacted Vicki. These other type of

entities were not as evolved as those she was currently in contact with. She found out that she had been used to conceive a child. this child was being used by the other race, which had no feelings for what it was or from where it had come. It was this revelation that was to profoundly effect Vicki and eventually lead to the break up of her relationship with Christopher.

After their relationship had ceased, Christopher noticed that the paranormal events and the aerial displays also stopped. Fearing that he would loose contact with the visitors, he began to set about initialising his own contact with them. It is from his perseverance that he has been able to capture his amazing daylight footage of spheres over London. However, Christopher does state one thing. He can only ask them if they will appear for him, the rest is up to the visitors.

Intruders in the Night, is a fascinating journey through some staggering events. Quite what you make of these events is up to the reader. I only urge anyone reading this to buy a copy of the book and decide for themselves just how important the events in this book could be.

Intruders in the Night, is self-published by Christopher Martin through Enigma Publishing and costs £14.99 and postage. Anyone interested in purchasing a copy of the book should contact SUFOG. **Christopher will also be selling and signing copies of the book at the Southampton UFO Group event on the 21st October 2000.**

Review and report by S.Rider (Southampton UFO Group, Secretary and Investigator).

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Skywatch at Westwood, Netley Abbey. 24th August 2000.

Steve G and myself decided to do a short skywatch this evening as the sky was clear and it was warm. I picked Steve G up at around 8 p.m. and we made our way down to our chosen viewpoint. When we arrived, it was still quite light so we walked around the base of the mound at Westwood, having a chat about various group things and some more paranormal items associated with the Westwood area. It was then that we came upon a bench just on top of the mound. This viewpoint allowed superb views of the whole sky with less light pollution than our usual vantage point. We decided to make this our spot for the night and made a mental note to come back here again at a later date. As we settled down and the sky grew dark and the gnats began to bite a few things caught our eyes that night. As well as the usual satellites and shooting stars. Although we left at midnight, as I was working the next day, it was well worth making the effort and going out. It would be even better if more people were able to make some of these skywatches.

Here, I have listed what we say that night :

Time : 21.40
Degrees from North : 340
Description : Bright orange light observed which faded out. Like a dimmer switch being turned down.
Duration : 2 - 3 Secs.

Time : 22.07
Degrees from North : 40
Description : White light moving very slowly in a northerly direction. Faded out as we watched.
Duration : 8-10 Secs.

Time : 23.24
Degrees from North : 60
Description : Orange ball of light, which flared up then, dimmed out. I watched through my binoculars (20x50) and was able to observe the object flashing and jumping about as a pinprick of light. After a minute or so I lost sight of it and was only able to pick out the lights of a plane that had just entered the same area.
Duration : 5-6 mins.

Steve Rider.

I agree whole heartedly with Steve about people attending skywatches. So far this year, we have only done 4 or 5 skywatches with the same people, Steve R, Steve G, Bill, Jean coming along to them. As winter approaches, colder nights, clearer skies, I intend to more skywatches along with Steve R and anyone else that can be bothered to join us. Steve G.

Group member and Public Relations Officer for Ernie Sears has been putting pen to paper again. He received the following letter from David Chidgey M.P for Eastleigh, Southampton (Ernie is in his electoral ward). The MoD's reply is on page 23 and 24 of the newsletter. Read it carefully, and if you wish to pass comment, then please drop me a line. But to say 'My Department remains open minded about extraterrestrial life forms', then does this mean that they know something that they are not willing to tell the world... ! Surely, the Governments of the world must / have evidence to prove the existence of extraterrestrial life locked away in some cabinet or military base.... We shall wait with baited breath.

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30th September 2000

Dear Ernie

I have now received a reply from the Minister with whom I raised the concerns over Unidentified Flying Objects over Southampton Water, which you contacted me about earlier, and I enclose a copy for your personal use.

I hope that the reply clarifies the position to your satisfaction and I am pleased to have been able to achieve this on your behalf. However, should you have further concerns over the issue, please feel free to contact me again.

If there is anything else I can help you with in the future, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

19th Leeds Annual UFO Conference.. 15th - 17th September 2000.

We left Southampton railway station at 09.45 hrs on the 15th and arrived at 14.33 hrs.

Steve Gerrard had a fight on the train with a coke can after getting the pull ring caught in his moustache - The only highlight of the journey !!

Hotel - Good bed - Good food - en suit bathroom - what a laugh - 3ft wide and 6ft long - a tight squeeze !!!

We decided to stay in the evenings - local clubs and pubs - noisy, shouting and what appeared to be the sounds of some good punch ups !!! Still, one good thing came of staying in - lager £2.00 a pint - bargain !!!

Friday Night 15th....

Went to the evening lectures and wow !!! After listening to and meeting **Alan Godfrey**, the weekend could only get better... what a bloke.. great sense of (Yorkshire) humour and he told his story the way it was.. Fascinating to listen to and a first for me to see and hear him in person. **Chris Martin** sat in the hot seat and we were shown what can only be described as truly outstanding 'UFO' footage taken over the rooftops of London. Also, we 2 objects 'joined' by a ribbon of light. Just outstanding !!! I look forward to when Chris comes to Southampton in October.

A good nights sleep and lets see what happens tomorrow...

Saturday 16th....

Arrived early for a bit of pre-filming and a good chat. Managed to meet as couple of old friends, Rodney Howarth and Ken Potts and have a good chin wag. Spoke to **Larry Warren** and arranged for an interview on the Sunday, along with **Peter Warren.**

First speaker of the day was **Dr. Steven Greer** who presented an excellent lecture featuring UFO's, out of body and a few more topics. This was a fascinating lecture that left me breathless. He gave his lecture with feeling and he was enjoying it. Mind you, how can someone give up a $250,000 a year job and research UFO's for nothing !!! Mind you, he brought 96 copies of his new book with him that is currently only available in America at £20.00 each. Within 90 seconds, all the copies had gone like vultures around a dead carcass !!! not a bad profit £1,920 !!!

The second speaker, **Peter Robins** took to the stage and looked at the Rendlesham incident and really gave another superb presentation, which led up to the introduction of the 'all round true American' (HIS Words) **Larry Warren**. Larry started by presenting Graham Birdsall with his army beret and gave Graham's wife a T-Shirt from the USAF Base at the time. He then announced he was not going to give talks about the Rendlesham Forest incident any more and enough was enough. He left us with a tantalising thought of 4 photographs allegedly taken at the same times as the Rendlesham Incident, showing lights in the sky. These are to be handed over to UFO Magazine for further investigation. A great lecture and a rather historical one in a sense.

The next speaker, **David Cayton** gave an excellent (his first one by the way) concerning the mutilation of cattle and sheep in merry old England. A rather interesting, if not gory at times presentation that unfortunately overrun, but that seemed the order of the day...

The last speakers of the day saw a head to head with **Nick Pope** and **Nick Redfern** and I think Nick Redfern was the one coming up smelling of roses. Nick Redfern was saying that as we have now done everything legally to get information from governments, it is time we looked at the illegal side of obtaining the information. For instance like computer hackers and the way they 'obtain' their information through the back door. Nick Pope rose to this and did not agree (Well, he wouldn't would he !!!). A very interesting debate and as Nick Redfern seems to have gone as far as he can 'legally', it will be interesting to see how he now obtains his information ???

Steve and I arrived back at the hotel with our Donna Kebab's and chips. We sat down to savage our tea. Turning the TV on, suddenly we were faced with footage of flying Triangles !!! No, we weren't seeing things, no mass illusions, sleep paralysis and no, we hadn't

had a drink YET !!!! I had turnt on the television as CH4 was screening 'Riddle in the Sky' and what a coincidence, as the TV Channel went straight to CH4 when I turnt it on and not to BBC 1... Spooky Mulder strikes again. We needed the 2 or 3 pints we downed to get over the shock. !!!

Sunday 17th

After our hearty breakfast, packing our bags and paying the bill, we headed to the auditorium for the final day... On arrival, we hijacked **Chris Martin** for an interview of 10 minutes and we ended up having a talking lasting about 20 minutes !!!

The first speaker of the day was **Dr. Bob** and **Ryan Wood** (Father and Son act !!) and their very interesting presentation on the new MJ12 documents and information using a PowerPoint presentation. A very interesting lecture if somewhat 'plain' with just the use of PowerPoint and nothing else.

Lunch time saw me and Steve grabbing **Larry Warren** and **Peter Robbins** for a private interview behind the stage. This was what we had been waiting for and made the weekend for us, to talk personally to two people that I have the greatest respect and admiration for. For what they have gone for and bringing the Rendlesham ores case to the forefront of UFOlogy. Larry and Peter are two of the nicest blokes you can imaging and they are sincere in their beliefs and the incident that they have been involved in for the past 20 years.

The afternoon saw Graham Birdsall take centre stage and gave a somewhat interesting 30 minute talk about space and defence and not too much UFOlogy... Then, he presented the Cheshire UFO Footage along with an interview with the chap that took this interesting ? piece of footage. (I thought it was a black bin bag at first being blown around in the sky !!!). SUFOG had given Russel / Graham a piece of footage that **WE** said could **ONLY** be shown at the conference and was filmed by one of our group members on a sky watch in August over Portsmouth, that in our opinion knocks the spots off the Cheshire footage and compares with the Mexico footage of the object disappearing and re-appearing from a cloud and disappearing behind the cloud again. In Grahams talk, he talked of greater co-operation between groups so that people can see the footage. Well, guess what... It wasn't shown !!!!! The footage is copyrighted to SUFOG who holds the origin 8mm film. So, if we see or hear of this footage being shown or released or appearing on another footage, our solicitor has been instructed to sue UFO Magazine or ANYONE else that has a copy, as simple as that.... So much for groups working together !!!!

Russel Callaghan presented some famous cases and showed how they could of been hoaxed and how they were influenced to be a possible hoax. One piece covered Gulf Breeze and Ed Walters and showed that Ed Walters was at a college, when a mural was painted on a wall and with a very small amount of imagination looked like the objects he had been filming and photographing... This lecture showed that with a bit of determination and excellent research, how the hoaxers can be revealed for what they are...

Then, it was the turn of Martyn Stubbs who brought the NASA footage to our screens. It was with great sadness to learn from Martyn himself, that he has a brain tumour. We at SUFOG wish him well and hopefully a speedy recovery. He spoke of how he became involved in the subject of UFO's and the NASA footage. Unfortunately, we had to make a move prior to him screening his latest footage.. OH !!!! This also meant that we missed the last speaker J.J Willie and the final armchair forum of the day.

We made our way back to the hotel and collected our bags, arriving at the station to get the 18.40 train home.... Nope.. it was delayed / re-routed by 90 minutes, which meant we missed our connecting 21.30 train at Waterloo. We finally caught the 22.03 stopper train to Southampton and arrived at Southampton at 00.10. I dropped Steve Rider home and arrived home at 00.30. My wife found me fast asleep in the arm chair at 02.00 and well away... Dreaming of the weekend ?????

Well done UFO Magazine for an excellent weekend. Can't wait for 2001 and the 20th Leeds Conference... I will have 3 tickets Graham !!!

Avebury 2000
SUFOG'S MIB goes BACK TO HIS ROOTS.

As you will all know I got the name of SUFOG's very own MIB after the Avebury 1999 trip. So this trip was like a return to the roots of where the MIB was born. What was it like to go back ? Please read on....

Not so bright and Definitely much to early on the morning of the 24th June I crawled out of bed in my new house (which I had only finished moving in the previous day). I dragged my bags to the minibus and climbed in. I slipped a Pink Floyd tape into the machine and set off to pick up your editor. The aim was to be at Lordshill shopping precinct by 10 a.m. to pick up the last two group members, we made on time even though there was only one group member to pick up as the other had to decline due to illness. So, we were on schedule and on our way.

The journey up to Avebury was quite uneventful apart from one wrong turn that took us on a slightly different route to that planned. Hey ! No ones perfect. We approached our first destination, The Barge, via the Vale of Pewsey and Alton Barnes. We stopped to look at a couple of crop circles on the way. The first one we stopped at, and I'm not ashamed to admit this, was only due to the fact that a low tree branch had just hit the minibus. So all I wanted to do was check out the minibus. On the way into Alton Barnes, we saw the formation in East Field. Now I am unable to confirm this as I was driving and so not paying attention to the circles, but Steve G, said he saw only two on the drive in and when we stopped the next day there were three. like I said I was driving and so not paying attention. I wish I had stopped, but by this time I was hungry and going a bit fast to just put the anchors on !

Once in the Barge Inn it was nosebag time (sorry, I mean time to eat). Take it from me the ham, eggs and chips are superb. Oh Yeah ! One word of advice here, much as I like the Barge, Do Not order a can of Pepsi to go ! why I hear you ask ? Simple, because when I ordered a can each for me and Steve G, the price was £1.80. Before I could say anything and pick my bottom jaw up from the floor my cash was in the till. So for all those with access to the Internet, the picture of me on the ghost page has me holding the most expensive can of Pepsi ever (that is until the Southampton Balloon and Flower festival where a can of Coke was, wait for it, £1.00 !!).

So, here we all are sat outside the Barge and chatting to Elaine Waite and her husband from UPN-Investigations, based in London The only thing I could think of at the time was, is the sky going to clear ? The dull clouds gave the threat of rain at any time, but I was not going to let this spoil my weekend.

A the appointed time we made our way to Avebury. There is something about this area. Driving down those country roads and through little villages like East Kennet, it is so easy to feel yourself drifting back in time to days gone by. We stopped to view the crop formation at East Kennet and I followed Steve. G. to walk up to Silbury Hill. From up at Silbury Hill two more formations were visible, as was the fact that Silbury Hill had been closed due to a large hole appearing on the top. The hole was caused by the collapse of an old excavation shaft, well that was the reason given, and one wonders if the weather was really to blame or was it something else ? From Silbury Hill we finally drove on to Avebury and as those first stones came in to view, I could feel a familiar feeling inside me that told me, 'were here'...

I will be honest with everyone here. I can not tell what it is that I love about Avebury, whether it is the stones that attract me or whether it is the air of mystery that hangs over the place. What I can tell you is that there are other places I have been that I have this attraction to, Cornwall is one of those places. I will not go into why I like Cornwall so much it is just a gut feeling, like Avebury, that says to me, I feel at ease here ; I could live here and be quite happy.

Let us move on now. Once in the village we all took advantage of the remaining time to walk around the village, either together or alone. Steve G. and I walked around the village and separated to view the stone circle on our own. I must say that it was both relaxing and stimulating at the same time. It was on this solo walk that I experienced something quite strange at one of the stones.

I had just begun my walk around the stones and had entered at the gate just down from the Henge gift shop. I approach one of the larger stones and looked at its worn surface. As looked the whole surface appeared to come alive and ripple and move, like some strange

optical allusion. I stayed by this stone for a few minutes as I tried to get a grip of myself, but I felt strange like in some_altered state of conscience, and that is how I spent my time walking the stones. I just wondered around taking photos, in my own little world, and it was not until we left from the Red Lion Pub that night that I finally felt like myself again.

So we all collected our things and made our way up to our vantage point for the night, which was to be the same as last year. Some how the mood for the night seemed set as loud music began to emanate from the caravan site in the trees ; across the field to our left. Now I can't speak for anyone else but I find it hard to concentrate when somebody is having a rave 500 yards down the road.

Through the jovial chat of our group I heard a familiar sound, the ringing of my mobile. I answered to hear the voice of Mrs Waite asking where we were and telling us that Malcolm Robinson was with her and was keen on joining us. deciding that it was going to be difficult to direct them to us, I decided to walk over to the pub and bring them back. So off I trotted and met up with Elaine, Malcolm, Judith and three other BUFORA members. Elaine was off to another site so I walked back to our little camp with Malcolm and Judith ; the other BUFORA members would be along shortly. Once we got back to our little campsite the chat was even more jovial, probably to keep everyone warm, as by now the temperature had dropped considerably. However, it was nice to have such a large group. In total, there were 10 SUFOG members, Malcolm and Judith along with 3 other BUFORA guys (I do apologise for forgetting their names) and forgetting Brian James and James Hill of APRA.

However, I have one small gripe from the whole weekend. This being one disappointment. During the night, approx. 2 a.m. a few of us took a walk around the stones. This small group included myself, Ernie, Bill, Jamie, Lorna etc. During this walk I became increasingly frustrated at the lack of any sensations I was getting from the stones. There is possibly two reasons for this : one being the loud music emanating from the camp site just outside of the ring, which was effecting the focus like to have when trying this type of experiment : the second being that maybe I was trying too hard, and it was the frustration that was the block. I would also like to mention that I wonder if there is a certain group member who is the catalyst of the feelings that others were achieving. Maybe I am wrong, but it could be a possibility ?

Although Steve G. and myself again missed out on seeing anything, I won't say that it was not worth being there. Avebury is a fantastic place and, even though I have missed out on seeing something two years running, I will continue to go back there on our annual excursion as I know one day I will be rewarded with seeing something, as we as experiencing the power and atmosphere of the area.

As the Sunday morning drew in we retired to the van for a couple of hours 'rest'. Then it was off to Silbury Hill car park for breakfast. By around 8.30 a.m. everyone was suitably full, and we couldn't even give away the remaining few sausages.

Myself, Steve G and Bill then decided it was time to investigate the crop formations that were present in the field behind the car park. I must admit that I felt nothing much in either of these formations, except as I entered the second circle (containing the arrow-like triangular formation) I felt a brief twinge, but it was gone too quickly for me to make anything of.

I took soil samples from both formations and tested part of those samples from PH against a control taken midway between the two formations. The results of the tests have showed no changes in the PH of the sail samples from within the circles to that of the control. This does not in any way prove or disprove if the formations were real or hoaxed. In fact as far as I am concerned the jury is still out as to just what constitutes a 'real' Crop Circle.

From Silbury Hill car park we drove towards our next port of call, The Barge. On the way we stopped at a formation near to All Cannings. This formation was high upon a hill and well visible to road users. On making my way up to the formation with Bill and Mary, I found that this formation was either old or not too good, as much of the flattened crop was regaining it's former position. I was not impressed and decided to trudge back to the van. However, someone was interested in the formation as a couple of micro lights circled the area.

We got back on our journey stopping once more to photograph the formations at East

Field. Then it was on to our last stop. The Barge. It was here that myself and Steve G. and Bill found out that going in search of the unknown is often a tiring and disappointing experience. The previous day, Ernie had shown us a picture of a possible circle formation located just down a tow path from the Barge. So the three intrepid SUFOG explorers set off to find the truth. At the end of our journey do you know what we found ? A spectacular formation ? No ! Just a plain old tractor turning circle. GRRRR ! Was the reaction, and, just wait till we see Mr. Sears !!!! It was a lot of fun anyway and a good light-hearted way of ending a fantastic weekend. Just can't wait till next year.

I would like to thank Steve G. for being a great guy ; if it wasn't for him there would be none of these trips and no SUFOG !!! I would also like to thank everyone else for a great day ; Bill, Ernie, Jean, Mary, Davinia, Lorna, Robert, Jamie and his Dad. I would also like to extend my thanks to those we met that weekend, both old and new friends ; Malcolm Robinson (SPI England / BUFORA) and Judith along with the other BUFORA members, Elaine Waite of UPN Investigations (It's so good to make new friends), John Hanson, Brian James and James Hill of APRA / BUFORA.

See you next year....

Steve Rider.
SUFOG 2000.

BUFORA LONDON LECTURES 2000

Monday 6th November : Ernie Sears (SUFOG) : UFO's over Hants..

Monday 4th December 2000 : Richard Conway : The Bible Code.

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One further item to the above and that is in October 2001, Steve Rider and Myself have been asked to give a presentation at the above. We have both agreed to this and await further confirmation of dates etc. Look out in the listing for 2001 for further details about our talk.

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26th August 2000

Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 31 July (Reference: 42/Ex8/9/5/30-ho) enclosing one from Mr Ernie Sears of 23 Ashburton House, Rotary Court, Netley Abbey, about an alleged sighting on 19 May of an 'unidentified flying object' over Southampton Water.

Mr Sears will be aware from previous correspondence with my Department that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports passed on from members of the public of sightings that they cannot themselves identify only to establish whether what has been witnessed might have some defence significance. My Department's only concern is to establish whether there is any evidence in what has been seen that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. I should add that the integrity of the UK's airspace in peacetime is maintained through continuous policing of the UK Air Defence region by the Royal Air Force and MOD remains vigilant for any potential threat. However, unless there is evidence of a potential threat, and to date no 'unidentified flying object' reported to us has revealed such evidence, no attempt is made to identify the precise nature of each sighting. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose but it is not a function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

I should wish to assure Mr Sears that my Department received no other reports of 'unidentified flying objects' for 19 May and my officials are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that UK airspace was breached by unauthorised activity on that date.

David Chidgey Esq C.Eng FICE MP

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Finally, I must say that my Department has no expertise or role in respect of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains open-minded but I should add that to date the MOD knows of no evidence to substantiate the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Best wishes

DR LEWIS MOONIE MP

Dear SUFOG

I am writing to tell you that I have included your organisation in my new UFO Database. I have noticed that there doesn't seem to be many UFO sites that tell people where to go if they want to report a sighting or how to find out about local groups in their area. I therefore have compiled a list of the top UFO researchers and Organisations and added them to my UFO site **'Cosmic Conspiracies'**.

I would appreciate it if you could add a link to my site and please drop by and sign my guestbook.

Many Thanks.
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